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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: **METHOD FOR OBTAINING A SOLUTION OF AN
OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 13 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ A Notice of Priority to claim priority date of April 24, 2001.
- ☒ Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form 1449.
- ☐ Applicant requests non-publication.
- ☐ Applicant is a small entity.
- ☒ An Executed Declaration

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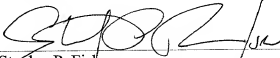
**NOTICE OF PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of April 24, 2001, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-125279.

The certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-125279 will be submitted as soon as received from Applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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